



# Bennett Valley Cellars

2017 PINOT NOIR  
BENNETT VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY

14.5% ALC BY VOL 750ML

VINTAGE  
2017

VARIETAL  
PINOT NOIR

VINEYARD  
100% SIMPATICO RANCH

ALCOHOL  
14.5%

pH  
3.71

TA  
5.12

CASES  
309

BARREL AGING  
14 months in 70% new French Oak  
30% one-year old French Oak

CLONE  
Dijon Clones 828  
and Pommard

SOIL TYPE  
VOLCANIC  
ALLUVIAL

BOTTLING DATE  
JAN 22,  
2019

## ABOUT

Bennet Valley Cellars began its journey 60 years ago in the Veneto region in Italy. Young Emilio Zanin eagerly worked in his grandfather's vineyard before and after school where he learned to love the hard work necessary to make fine wine. After immigrating to the United States in 1969, Emilio and his family have accomplished their life-long ambition of havin their own vineyards. Nestled in the pristine Bennett Valley appellation within Sonoma Valley, Bennett Valley Cellars farms 40 acres of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay on two ranches: Simpatico Ranch and Marina's Vineyard. The well drained volcanic alluvial soils and fog-cooled climate create an ideal growing environment for producing wines with flavors and aromatic characteristics unique to this beautiful valley.

## WINEMAKER

Winemaker Toni Stockhausen's career was predestined. Born in Australia's renowned Hunter Valley to the farmed winemaker Karl Stockhausen, Toni grew up in vineyards and lived on the winery property, learning her father's art of wine making. At Charles Stuart University in Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, Toni studied Viticulture and Enology. After graduation, Toni went on to serve as Winemaker at high-profile wineries: Tisdall Winery, Mildara Blass, and Windsor Vineyards before coming to Bennett Valley Cellars. Toni's classical style of wine making is influenced by exposure to Old World Wines as well as making wine in Australia and California. Today, Toni works closely with owners Emilio and Luca Zanin crafting small lots of Estate Pinot Noir and Chardonnay as well as the Sonoma vineyards sourced BIN Series wines.

## TASTING NOTES

This wine is deep garnet in color and has a brilliant clarity. The fruits aromas, are distinctly of violets along with some blackberry, allspice and vanilla notes. On the palate, the same dark fruits mingle with flavors of pomegranate and mocha. Soft acidity allows the fruit characters to shine through, while the soft tannins linger on the palate. Versatility with food is a hallmark of all of our wines. Enjoy the 2017 Estate Pinot Noir with a variety of poultry, beef, pork and game, as well as vegetables, cheeses, olives, and savory dishes.